the Karnataka State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation for UNIDO assistance for rehabilitation of food processing industries in Karnataka and from the Director, Animal Husbandry, Government of Karnataka for a meat project under Cooperative Sector. A proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka for setting up of a fruit processing plant with DANIDA assistance. In addition, 69 applications for the manufacture of been and potable alcohol were received from the State of Karnataka from private entrepreneurs and Industrial Development Corporation

(c) While this Ministry does not set up Food Processing Industries directly in any State, several developmental plan schemes have been formulated for providing assistance to State Governement Organisations/ Cooperatives/Voluntary Agencies etc. for setting up such units.

Use of Methanol and Lathanol in Surface Transport

5281. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY
SHRI LAL JAN S.M. BASHA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the result of the experimental conducted by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources by using methanol and lathanol as substitutes for diesel in surface transport;

(b) the names of the projects which are developing such alternate fuels; and

(c) the amount sanctioned by the Government on research and development work and the achievements made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). A statement in this regard is enclosed herewith.

STATEMENT

Use of alcohols to partially replace diesel oil has been demonstrated by the R&D projects of the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. During 1988-90, ten buses of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) were operated 6.43 lakh km. using methanol to achieve 12-15% diesel replacement under a demonstration project entitled "Use of Methanol as alternate fuel in diesel vehicles". This was followed up by use of ethanol wherein 25 DTC buses were run 15.82 lakh km. on dual-fuel mode during August, 90-November, 91 achieving about 14% diesel replacement. This project was entitled "Demonstration project on bifuel operation of diesel vehicles with alcohol". Apart from substituting imported diesel, another major advantage of both these projects was about 33 percent reduction in smoke emission. The total expenditure on these projects relating to diesel replacement has been approx. Rs. 22 lakhs.

2. As regards use of alcohols for petrol replacement, a project entitled "Alcohol fuel substitution in automobiles fleet Monitoring-cum-Demonstration Trials" has recently been sanctioned to IIT Delhi at an outlay of Rs. 19,12,250/- for demonstrating use of Petrol (90%) blended with anhydrous ethanol (10%). The Delhi Administration and Indian Oil Corporation will be collaborating with IIT Delhi for smooth counduct of this experiment and demonstration.

Recovery of ITDC Hotel Dues from Bihar Bhawan

5282. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governement are aware that I T D C hotels including Janpath Hotel, New Delhi have to recover a huge amount from Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi,

(b) if so, the details thereof, hotel wise, and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to recover the amount?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) Bihar Bhavan, New Delhi owes about Rs 96 81 lakhs to ITDC's Delhi based hotels as on 29 2 1992

(b) The hotel wise break is as follows

Janpath Hotel	Rs	68 65	lakhs
Kanishka Hotel	Rs	1 92	lakhs
Ashok Hotel	Rs	0 90	lakhs
Samrat Hotel	Rs	1 47	lakhs
Ranjit Hotol	Rs	4 16	lakhs
Lodhi Hotel	Rs	19 71	lakhs

(c) ITDC as well as Union Government have taken up the matter at appropriate level with the State Government to recover the amount

Fall in Foreign Tourists during 1991

5283 SHRI K RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the number of foreign tourists who visited India in 1990 and 1991, year wise,

(b) whether there was decline of tourists in 1991 as compared to 1990, and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) The number of foreign tounsts who visited India in 1990 and 1991 were 17,07,158 and 16,77,508 respectively

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) The decline in the tourist arrivals during 1991 was primarily due to Gulf War and its aftermath

Liberalisation of Value-Aided Services

5284 SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have decided to liberalise value aided services in the national telecommunication networks, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Govt has decided to make these Value Added Telecom Services available progressively as per demand by Licensing pnvate and public companies to provide and operate them under prescribed conditions

New T.V. Serials

5285 SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ
SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state